

Progress Pace 2026

For 3-Year-Old Pacers

Note:

Dover Downs, Inc. reserves the right to add to, amend or delete the conditions of all or any part of the Progress Pace, without liability.

Owned and Sponsored By:

Dover Downs, Inc.

Serviced By:

The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

For:

Foals of 2023 (Subject to USTA Foaling Date Rules).

To Be Raced As:

The Progress Pace for 3-Year-Old Pacers (Open event).

To Be Raced At:

Dover Downs, Dover, Delaware ("Track"). Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the race. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Sponsor, to hold this race at the Track designated, the Sponsor reserves the right to change the date and/or the location of the Track for either any or all races.

Cancellation:

The Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel this race if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Sponsor to conduct said race or races. If an event is not raced the Sponsor's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining and entrance fees collected toward canceled events that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation to horses eligible at time of cancellation. If canceled after the first 2-year-old payment, these monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation. If canceled prior to the first 2-year-old payment, the nomination fees will be refunded to the nominators.

Actual 2024 Total Purse:

\$302,960 1 Elim/Final

Added Money:

Dover Downs will add a minimum of \$100,000 to Final event.

Nomination Fee (U.S. funds only):

May 15, 2024 \$20

Nominated horses, including supplemental nominations, must be properly identified to the satisfaction of The Hambletonian Society at the time of nomination.

Supplemental Yearling Nominations:

Otherwise not eligible yearlings may be made eligible by a supplemental fee.

August 15, 2024 \$100

Supplemental Nominations:

Three-year-olds not nominated as yearlings and/or sustained as 2-year-olds may become eligible by making the following supplementary nomination payment by February 15, 2026:

Progress Pace (Open Race) \$3,000

Supplemental nominees do not have to pay the normal February 15 sustaining fee, but must still pay the entrance fee if declared to start.

Future Payments (U.S. funds only):

On 2-Year-Olds

March 15, 2025 Sustaining Fee \$300

On 3-Year-Olds

February 15, 2026 Sustaining Fee \$700

Entrance Fee \$3,000

Declaration:

Entrance fee shall be due with declaration to start at the track where the race is being held at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the first elimination heat (if eliminations are necessary) or the race to be contested. All entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society. There shall be no refunds for scratched horses.

At the time of declaration a starter must meet the qualifying standards of Dover Downs. A horse will have been considered to have met Dover Downs' qualifying standard if it has a clean charted line (no breaks) and meets the current time requirement of Dover Downs within 30 days of declaration.

Filly Notice:

Fillies are eligible to the Open race.

Supplemental Declarations:

Horses not otherwise eligible may enter and start by making the following supplementary payment at the regular time of declaration:

Progress Pace (Open Race) \$25,000
Supplemental entrance fee, which is not refundable, shall be due and payable at time of declaration. All supplemental entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society. If the horse dies after the supplement entry time, it is eligible for a refund up until the start of the race.

Payment Distribution:

All nomination fees and other payments will be credited to the specific race.

Notice:

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02

Waiver:

As a condition of participation in the Progress Pace 2026 (the Open Division), the Owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) hereby grants to the Sponsor, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic images of its horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner(s) waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner(s) further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Sponsor herein, to hold Sponsor harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Sponsor from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge Sponsor's rights herein as set forth above.

Racing Conditions:

All events to be raced as one dash at one mile. If needed, Eliminations will be held approximately one week prior to the Final. Declarations for the eliminations and Final will close at the time and date posted on the Condition Sheet.

If nine (9) or fewer starters are declared, they go straight to the final. The entrance fee for all horses declared at the time of closing shall be payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the Race.

If ten (10) or more are declared to start, the event will be held with eliminations. Eliminations will race for \$35,000 each.

If more than nine (9) but less than thirteen (13) are declared to start there will be a single elimination to determine a field of 9 for the final.

From the declared horses those with the least total earnings in the period from January 1 of that year up to the time of declaration will be selected to race in a single elimination field of 9.

Money earnings for races outside of the United States will be calculated at the exchange rate as determined by the USTA.

The remaining declared horses if any [i.e., those with the higher money earnings that cannot be accommodated in the field of 9] may elect to automatically advance to the Final. ["receive a bye"]

If any of the higher money earners as determined above elect instead to race in the elimination other declared horses in preference of the greatest earnings may be selected to automatically advance to the Final.

If no horses elect to advance to the final the Race Secretary will determine the protocol for the elimination races.

If more than twelve (12) but less than nineteen (19) declare the race will be split into 2 eliminations.

The final being made up of the first four finishers in each elimination and the fifth-place finisher with the highest seasonal money earnings.

If more than eighteen (18) but less than 27 the race will be split into 3 eliminations.

The final will be made up of the first three finishers in each division. In case of a dead heat, the horse advancing to the final will draw by lot from the dead-heated horses.

If more than 27 declare, the race will be split at the discretion of the Race Secretary.

The final will be made up as determined by the Race Secretary.

In the event that horses eligible for the Final are scratched prior to posted scratch time, additional horses from the eliminations will be selected from those properly declared by taking the horse(s) that placed highest in the official order of finish of the eliminations for a Final field of nine (9). All potential final horses will automatically be entered by the Race Secretary and drawn at a time and place determined by the Race Secretary.

Should two or more horses tie for the final position(s) by virtue of their finish in the elimination race or races, thereby "qualifying" more horses than can be accommodated in a 9 horse field, preference shall be given to the horse(s) with the highest lifetime earnings as compiled by the USTA, until there remains the number of horses for a 9 horse field.

In addition, two horses will be selected from those in the eliminations that do not qualify for the Final to be designated "Also Eligible" ("AE") for the Final. The preference to determine which is the first "Also Eligible" ("AE1") shall be determined by taking the horse that placed highest in the official order of finish of all elimination divisions, but did not qualify for the Final. The other horse shall be "AE2". Should two or more horses tie for the "Also Eligible" ("AE") designation preference shall be given to the horse with the highest lifetime earnings.

A consolation may be held at the discretion of the sponsor.

The Sponsor reserves the right to reject and return the entry fee. A minimum of five (5) separate betting interests are required in any event or the Sponsor, at its discretion, may cancel the race.

Ownership and stable entries will be seeded by lot in the eliminations when possible. Post positions for all races will be determined by an open draw.

All starters are subject to the detention policy of the racetrack.

Money Division:

Purses for all races will be divided 50-25-12-8-5% and be paid by the Hambletonian Society.

Drivers and Trainers Fees:

The driver and trainer fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the track at the time of the race and be paid by the Hambletonian Society.

Disputes:

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Sponsor shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Sponsor.

Dover Downs, Inc, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry. Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned by Dover Downs, Inc. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

Rules:

Unless otherwise specified and except as may be affected by a state or provincial racing Commission or Board, USTA rules not in conflict with these conditions or the future amended conditions in the year of the race to govern, as well as the Track rules and regulations. The conditions and rules and regulations shall be those in effect at the time of the race.

Make Nomination and Sustaining Checks**Payable To and Send To:**

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